

Crash Course Needed for Trip

When I boarded the Italian luxury liner Michelangelo in New York, I was looking forward to a restful, quiet voyage. But this is not the type of ship on which one can relax. Sleep is something there isn't much time for.

However, I didn't lose so much sleep that I couldn't continue my observations and make notes, particularly about families traveling with teenage children. For them and you I have some practical advice.

Buying your tickets, procuring your passports, getting shots, selecting your wardrobe is but part of your trip. A crash course in manners, particularly table manners, for your children is a must.

If you decide to take your

teen-agers with you or send them abroad on their own, even before you have your tickets in hand, you should begin corrective measures in etiquette.

One table near me was occupied by a family with two teen-aged youngsters whose table manners were absolutely atrocious. The boy, no more than 13, never once during the entire voyage managed to sit up straight enough to get his chin off the table.

The daughter, about 15, slouched forward, slurping, picking and whining loudly, both elbows on the table, one arm propped up to keep her chin from falling into the food.

The boy pulled out a pack of cigarettes during each

course and blew out clouds of smoke. I was so angry with the parents who were condoning such vulgarity in one so young that had either fallen overboard, I would not have been sorry.

The best way to teach children proper table manners, no matter how old they are, is to call attention to their deficiencies.

Travel can be fun for your children if you include them in your trip. By knowing what to do and when to do it, they develop more self-confidence and consequently don't lean on you or complain because they're sick of hamburgers or their elbows have developed scabs from leaning on marble tables.

Burglars Take No Vacation

Open doors and the loss of television sets greeted two north Torrance residents when they returned to their homes after weekend outings.

Returning from Lake Arrowhead Sunday, James Carter, 32, of 16402 Wilton Place, found his \$180 television set missing and bedroom drawers ransacked.

Police investigators said they found evidence that the front door had been pried open with a tool to gain entrance.

A FEW BLOCKS away, Stanley Kazuaki, 37, of 16608 Cerise Ave., found both his front and back doors had been opened and the loss of \$271 in belongings. Besides a television set, the thief took a camera and jewelry during the Saturday burglary.

In this case, Kazuaki said, his bedroom was also ransacked but that no forced entry was found. Police theorized that the home may have not been properly secured.

The green 4-leaf clover with white "Hs" in each leaf is the national emblem of 4-H Clubs.

Evening Classes Planned

Classes will begin Sept. 21 for five evening courses in selected fields at the California State College, Dominguez Hills, it was announced this week.

According to Iyle E. Gibson, the course will include Biological Oceanography, Inorganic Chemistry, Developmental Psychology, Issues in American National Government, and Masterpieces in American Literature.

Interested persons should contact the admission office for additional information.

Siren Test Due Friday

The month-end test of civil defense siren systems in Los Angeles County will be conducted Friday, at 10 a.m., Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has announced.

The sirens will be heard in the usual undulating sound lasting for one minute, said Pitchess. In the event of an actual attack the sirens would be heard in the undulating sound also, but it would last for from three to five minutes.

Model Airplane Events Draw Torrance Entries

Six Torrance residents have entered model airplanes in the 36th annual National Model Airplane Championships currently under way at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station.

The meet, which has drawn some 1,000 contestants from throughout the nation, will continue through Sunday.

Torrance contestants include: Roland H. Baltes, 30, of 4533 Newton St.; Ronald E. Freeman, 14, of 22902 Doble Ave.; Victor C. Harden, 49, of 22843-A Nadine Circle; Edward C. Kelley, 47, of 4202 W. 172nd St.; Lee R. Hines, 29, of 21139 LaSalle Ave.; and Rowie E. Young, 23, of 3314 W. 168th St.

Highlight of the competition, which includes some 30 events, will be national finals this weekend. An air show is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, featuring the Army's

Longest Session

Today marks the 207th calendar day of the 1967 session of the California State Legislature. The current session is the longest in the state's history. The previous record was set in 1949, when the legislature met for a total of 155 days.

Golden Knights parachute team and the Navy's Blue Angels precision flyers.

Contest events will begin at 8 a.m. each day through Sunday and their show is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Competition is in feather-light gliders, radio-controlled, and precision scale model divisions. The event is directed by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

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